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Third National Bank Announces Paying Of 'Daily Interest'

The Third National Bank of Hampden County will begin paying "daily interest" on savings deposits effective January 1, and also will compound interest quarterly, beginning on that date, Harlan A. Sears, president, announced today.

"Under our new 'daily interest' plan, savers will be paid interest at the rate of 3 per cent from the date of deposit to the date of withdrawal, providing that a required balance of \$10 is maintained in the savings account at the end of the quarter," Mr. Sears said.

"We will be paying interest for as many days as the money remains in the savings account. The interest will be computed on the basis of the actual balance each day."

Mr. Sears said the Third National is the first bank in Western Massachusetts, "and probably the first in Massachusetts outside of Boston," to offer this added thrift incentive to its savers.

"We consider 'daily interest' a proper reward for those whose thrift provides the backbone of the long-term savings accumulation needed for a prosperous and expanded economy," Mr. Sears said.

AHS Ski Club Plan Pre-Christmas Sale

The Agawam High School Ski Club is sponsoring a pre-Christmas sale of used ski equipment in order to provide its new members with a source of relatively inexpensive equipment.

Townpeople having any skis, boots, poles or clothing in usable condition that they wish to sell, may take advantage of the sale. A tag listing name of owner and the price of the article must accompany each item. The equipment may be taken to the high school, or the owner may call the high school and the item will be picked up.

President of the 150-member strong Ski Club is Pat Negrucchi. Assisting her are Judy Sarat, vice-president; Jane Kusiak, secretary; and Louis Scherpa, treasurer.

Each year the club operates a tow on a beginner's slope at the Feeding Hills Country Club. This enables members to gain some experience before heading north during the February vacation.

'61 Report Of World War 1 Veterans

The time is here when the people in Agawam should know what the Veterans groups have done and will continue to do. The Walter S. Kerr Barracks #396, Veterans of World War 1, of the USA has never before told the people in Agawam just what their aims and purposes are.

Our most important aim is to STIMULATE COMMUNITIES and POLITICAL Sub-Divisions into taking more interest in Veterans of all Wars and especially us War I Veterans, the widows and depend-

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Free Safety-Spray Of Christmas Trees

Fire Chief Harry Schneider announced that the Permanent Fire Fighters Association of Agawam will again this year 'safety-spray' Christmas trees at all three fire stations, daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Greens for decorations may also be brought in for spraying. There will be no charge for this service.

The fire chief outlined a few regulations and suggestions. No tree over seven feet may be used in any public building and no tree may be located near an exit, stairway or elevator shaft. After an

evergreen tree has been safety-sprayed it should be placed in water and kept moist as long as it is in the house.

If an aluminum tree is used do not use electric lights on it. If a short circuit the tree might become charged with electricity. A rotating spot-light placed at a safe distance from the tree would be safer.

Be sure and check the Christmas lights' wiring and don't overload the electric outlet circuit.

Victor Emmanuel Society New Year's Eve Party

The Victor Emmanuel Society will hold their annual couples New Year's Eve Party on Sunday, December 31 at the hall on Highland Avenue. The hall will be attractively decorated to appear as a night club with balloons, streamers, and tables featuring red checkered tablecloths. New Years favors will be furnished to all who attend.

General chairman for this year's party is Richard Cebrelli with Peter Crotti, Society president, as honorary chairman. Frank Gatti heads the greeting committee and Joseph Tarini, decoration chairman, assisted by Irene Montagna as cochairman.

Dancing to music furnished by The Sky Lighters will commence at 9 and a smorgasbord will be served at 10:30 with snacks being served during the entire evening until the close of the party.

The smorgasbord menu will consist of hot roast beef, hot turkey, hot meat balls, Italian macaroni with meat sauce, risotto, assorted cold cuts, tossed salads, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olives, pickles, coffee and tea. A splendid assortment of pastries will be served including fruit salad with sherbert, cheese-cake, cakes and cookies.

Reservations may be made with Frank Gatti at ST 8-9641, or Richard Cebrelli at RE 6-9823. Tickets are \$4.00 per person and as tickets are limited, it is advised that those planning to attend, make reservations at once. Deadline for reservations is December 26 and they will be distributed on a first come basis.



SEASON'S Greetings

It's good to greet our friends and neighbors at
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LE PERE GAGNIER



... by Edith LaFrancis

Father Louis Wm. Gagnier well deserved the title of the "Pioneer Church Builder of New England" for he built 12 churches in five years. The last of these was St. Theresa's, built in 1874 on land obtained from the Mittineague Paper Co., and situated at the corner of Bridge and Front Streets in North Agawam.

The first French families came into this section about 1845 because of the political unrest in Canada, and by 1860 a hundred families had settled. They were not entirely without a missionary to speak their own language for, from 1854 to 1873, they were visited at various times by Rev. PP. Caron, Garin, Dudelbut, Turcotte and LaVerdiere. None succeeded in establishing a permanent church until Father Gagnier came in 1873.

Louis Wm. Gagnier was born in the Province of Quebec, studied at the seminary in Montreal and was ordained in 1855. After working in Canada 13 years he was chosen by the Bishop of Montreal for a special mission to the United States. His first parishes were in Vermont and there he built his first churches.

On coming to Springfield he held services at whatever place he could, a little white church at the corner of Willow and State St., the chapel of the Cathedral, public halls or private homes. The first mass for Agawam people was in Lenox Hall, Front Street, West Springfield. Wherever he went he "woke up people who were sleeping in their hearts". He made people feel his enthusiasm and gave them courage. During the building of St. Joseph's in Springfield he even encouraged the men by working in the dust and mud of the excavation. Gradually he brought groups together in the outlying districts and built churches at Ware, Gilbertville, Warren, West Warren, Indian Orchard and North Agawam. He administered to this church in Agawam until 1883 when it was given its first resident pastor.

Father Gagnier was a man of strong constitution but of small build, a familiar figure in worn black pants, Prince Albert coat and high hat, always with a cane in his hand—but never an umbrella. He took no thought for himself and was indifferent to money, leaving fund raising to the business men of the parishes. He was remarkably even tempered, except on one subject. That was mixed marriages. The futility of trying to stop these unions would bring him to a state of bitter tears.

He lived to see the success of his work, the many flourishing branches of the tree he had planted, and many people still remember "the bearded French priest of Springfield" who gave help to those in material need but who also gave, every day of the year, to all his people, love, sympathy, understanding and courage.

The Pulpit

Rev. John P. Shannon, Pastor
St. John the Evangelist Church

As we prepare ourselves to enjoy and profit from the wonderful Christmas feast and holidays, it would be well to examine even more closely their spiritual content. For too many the giving and getting of gifts, even tho they do convey the fine message of love, obscures the real basic reasons for Christmas giving.

The occasion is Christ's Birthday and His birthday gifts are in order.

The very name given this holiday is from the age old Christian observance of Christ's Mass—decidedly a spiritual feast. In keeping with this spiritual part of Christmas, it would be well for us and those we love, if we could profit from our participation.

To this end may we add to the quality and knowledge of our Faith in Christ as our leader, so as to give Glory to Him by our imitation of His example and our obedience to His word.

With this Faith and Glory we will of necessity give Joy to all we contact and with it the oh so needed Peace.

May the Good Lord, we so honor these days now inspire us to heed His teachings, follow His example and the better able to merit the honored name of Christians.

A Blessed Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.



Dec. 15—BILL OF RIGHTS DAY—By act of Congress. Bill of Rights ratified on this day, 1791.

Dec. 17—PA NAMERICAN AVIATION DAY. By Presidential Proclamation.

Dec. 21—WINTER begins at 9:27 p.m., E.S.T.

Dec. 21—FOREFATHER'S DAY. Observed mainly in New England in commemoration of landing at Plymouth Rock on this day in 1620.

Waste Collection

WEST AGAWAM

Tuesday, Dec. 26—Acorn, Arnold, Audubon, Broz Ter., Carmen Ave., Chapin, Cherry, Coronet Cir., Cleveland, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Frances, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding Homer, James, Lenox, Letendre Ave., Liberty, Lincoln, Line, Maynard, McKimley, Mooreland, Norman Ter., Norman Ter. Ext., North, Oak Lane, Pierce, Pleasantview Ave., Richmond Ave., Ridgeway Dr., Sherman Ave., Sylvan Lane, Taft, Walton Lane, Wilbert Ter., Wilson, Woodland, and Woodside Ter.

NORTH AGAWAM

Wednesday, Dec. 27 — Begley, Birchwood Ter., Bridge, Brookside Pl., Church, Columbus, Cooley, Cottage, Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland, Hillcrest Ave., Howard, King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect, River, Scherpa, Spencer Spring, Summer, Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut St. Ext., and Winthrop

A LAW AGAINST IT

In Massachusetts, Christmas didn't become a lawful holiday until 1856. The Pilgrims in New England had disapproved of Christmas celebrations, and a law prohibiting them was passed in 1659.

Chief Reed's Final Report

December 5, 1961

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
36 Main Street
Agawam, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

This is my final annual report as Chief of the Agawam Police Department.

Throughout my thirty years of service in the department, twelve of which I was privileged to be the Chief, I have never once regretted my life-time work in behalf of law enforcement and good living in the Town of Agawam. Such has been my pleasant relationship with the citizens of our community.

To all the Boards of Selectmen and Police Commissioners for whom I have served during these years, and who so completely gave of their fullest cooperation, I extend my most sincere appreciation.

To the thousands of Agawam residents who have also cooperated with the department under my responsibility as Chief, I value your friendship and now I join in being one of you in living in our good Town.

No annual report would be complete without stating at the outset that all the members of the Agawam Police Department performed their duties during the past year in a manner that was befitting good police officers. Their dedicated service has been good for the Town and I value the assistance they gave me in carrying out my duties and responsibilities. I also wish to acknowledge the assistance and the valuable equipment presented to the department by various businesses and industries. Their contributions have increased the effectiveness of our local law enforcement.

During 1961, over 1100 complaints were handled by the department and six fewer reportable accidents. In 1961 there were 127 violations versus 289 in 1960. This, however, is not progress. These lessened reported violations were caused mainly because of the limited number of police officers who had to spend a greatly increased amount of time involved on the large increase in serious crimes. In 1961 there were ten cases of breaking and entering as against only two in 1960. Larcenies in 1961 totaled fifteen as against only nine in the previous year. Auto thefts also increased during the past year. An increase in serious crimes means automatically additional time and work must be used by the present number of officers. Thus motor vehicle violations, as serious as they are, are of necessity somewhat neglected. More officers will be needed to solve this important problem in safeguarding the people of our community.

Shortage of time-per-man, per-duties-required now seems that our officers must start checking the current 680 business doors at eight o'clock every night to the neglect of needed traffic duty.

During 1961, over 1100 complaints were handled by the department. This is approximately 100 more than during the previous year.

Maximum Police Protection involves maximum maneuverability and mobility of our cruisers. It may be of interest to our citizens to know that our cruisers average 6,325 miles each month in the rounds of their local assignments.

I am deeply concerned that the Agawam Police Department shall continue to be as completely equipped with the manpower and physical facilities in the years ahead as it has been during the past. I am confident however that our Town Officials will continue to provide the best of both manpower and equipment. I am also very confident that my successor will do everything possible to continue the fine traditions that make Agawam a good place to work and live.

Respectfully submitted,
Roland C. Reed
Chief of Police

GOLDEN AGE CLUB PLAN YULE PAGEANT

Mrs. Claudia Torrey will be director of a Christmas Pageant planned for the entertainment of the Agawam Golden Age Club on December 27, at the regular meeting time.

Christmas Party Successful

The Christmas party held at Betty's Olde Towne House, December 12, was enjoyed by 102 members. Accordion music was

played for entertainment.

President, Mrs. Martha St. Germain extends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greeting to all members.

Town Offices Closed

All Agawam town offices will close Friday at noon.

There will be no meeting of the Board of Selectmen Friday night.



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Yule Riddle Links Santa, Pawnshops

What is the connection between Santa Claus, the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings, and a pawnbroker's sign of three gold-colored balls?

A Scrooge might say that the answer to the Yuletide riddle is that Santa Claus would need help from a pawnbroker, to pay for filling all the stockings—but Scrooge would be wrong.

Both Christmas stockings and pawnbrokers' signs are traditions that come from legends about the first "Santa Claus"—St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor—according to the Encyclopedia Americana.

This early Santa was known far and wide for his generosity. And, so the story goes, he wanted to help a merchant who had lost all his money and had no way to provide dowries for the marriages of his three daughters.

Like Santa today, St. Nicholas wanted to be a generous but secret giver. When the oldest daughter was old enough to marry, he went at night to the merchant's house, with a bag of gold.

Some legends say he threw it through the window, and others that he threw it down the chimney. At any rate, the oldest daughter had her dowry and was able to marry.

St. Nicholas repeated the process for the second, and then the third, daughter. The third time, the merchant watched to see who brought the gold and told the story of the good saint's generosity.

According to legend, one bag of gold fell into a stocking hung up by the chimney to dry, and thus began the custom of hanging up stockings to be filled with gifts.

Pictures of the saint show him with the three bags of gold.

Bankers in Northern Italy took him as their patron and used the sign of three gold balls. Because bankers lent money, the sign later became associated with pawnbrokers, and today this custom still continues.

Feasts Play Favorites, World Over

As much a part of Christmas as Santa Claus are the holiday dinner, the candles, cookies and cakes, the pies and puddings. Almost every country in the world has contributed its own culinary heritage to the celebration.

Turkey and all the trimmings have become traditional in America, and other countries have their own menus for the Christmas feast.

Belgium and Holland have special cakes and sweets for St. Nicholas season. The Letterbaket is baked in the form of letters so that one may order his name in

cake. Marzipan candies, once made only in the shape of hearts, now come in many forms.

An Italian Christmas feast might include Capitelli—white meat of chicken and pork chopped and mixed with eggs and spices, encased in an inch-high dunce cap of noodle dough—or Capitoni, made from fried eels.

What Austrians Eat

Characteristic foods of Austrians at Christmas, say Americana Encyclopedia researchers, are fruchtbrod, a cake made of raisins, currants, chopped figs and dates and served hot; chopped and baked carps; beef, vegetables and beer.

On Christmas Day in Hungary the family sits down for a roast goose dinner.

Instead of turkey, Norwegians have Christmas porridge, codfish, roast ribs of pork, pickled pork, and sometimes a barbecued young pig, with an apple in its mouth, and paper frills upon its ears.

Mince pie is an old English custom. It represents a compound of the choicest products of the East and symbolizes the gifts of the Wise Men to the Christ Child. Another national Christmas dish in England is the famous plum pudding.

After the Portuguese return from the Missa do Galo, the Midnight Mass, the grownups gather at the table for a huge Christmas

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How To Make A Million Dollars

There's a millionaire in Bridgeport, Connecticut, with a cheery pre-Christmas message. Says Fred Hager:

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Successful businessman Fred Hager is president of a company which sells home freezers, together with a food plan whereby he contracts to stock the freezers. His organization delivers more than 350 of them a month in the New England area. He employs about 200 persons, and they're a pretty happy lot.

While we were talking to the bossman, we couldn't help but think of a young man—a Swiss immigrant—who reached this land of opportunity only 11 years ago.

This particular fellow had \$180 and ambition when he landed in New York. He got a job as a waiter at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Hundred dollars a week. Pretty good start.

It wasn't enough for our immigrant friend. He headed for Texas and sold pots and pans. But he admits that wasn't his dish. So he took the thousand dollars he'd saved and tried another business.

Know what?

Darned if that immigrant and Fred Hager aren't one and the same person.

This is still a pretty wonderful country of ours, isn't it?

Legends Tell About Hymn

Stories and legends surround most of the modern ways of celebrating Christmas—and sometimes there is more than one version of a story—such as the story of "Silent Night" and how the song came to be written.

Joseph Mohr, village priest of Hallein, Austria, wrote the words, and his organist wrote the music, probably adapted from a melody by Michael Haydn. On this point, most sources seem to be agreed.

What inspired Father Mohr to write the words is another story—or another two stories.

One version, say researchers for The Book of Knowledge, is that Father Mohr was called out into the snow on Christmas Eve of 1818, to bless a newly born baby in the home of one of his poorest parishioners.

He was so filled with the spirit of the season and the simple beauty of the mother and infant that when he returned to his study he wrote the poem, "Silent Night." Before Christmas Day was over, his organist had written the music.

Other versions have it that the church organ had broken down (impaired by mice, one story says), and the people were saddened because there would be no music for Christmas Day. Shortly before Christmas, Father Mohr wrote his poem and Organist Gruber the music.

At midnight mass, the people sang "Silent Night"—with a guitar accompaniment.

Ireland Lights Way For Child

The people of Ireland originated the tradition of burning a candle in the window at Christmas time. Legend said that the Christ Child might be wandering alone in the dark and cold, and they lit a candle to light him on his way.

"Public Office-- To Be Sought For-- Or Deplored?"

"The ordeal of the Twentieth Century—the bloodiest, most turbulent era of the Christian age—is far from over. Sacrifice, patience, understanding and implacable purpose must be our lot years to come." These words, which were spoken by Ambassador Adlai Stevenson in 1952, underscore the importance which serious intelligent people today place in government and the men and women who serve in public life.

Let us remember that the most vital decisions to be made by our people today as a nation are basically political decisions. Let us be mindful that these political decisions could well shape the future of our civilization as we know it.

The pressures, stresses and unyielding strains of our times demand the very best of all of us. We must insist that only the most qualified, well trained and morally strong of our people be urged and supported to partake in public life at all levels of governmental activity . . . For if we do not do this, all of our technological excellence shall be the monument to our failure.

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Spanish Children Go To Seek Magi; Germans Name "Kris Kringle"

In Madrid, Spain, it has long been the custom, says Encyclopedia Americana researchers, for men and boys bearing torches, bells and tin cans to go out to the city gates to meet the Magi. When children complain they do not see the Three Kings pass by, they are told the Kings pass behind the mountains. In Germany when the character

of Saint Nicholas started to become too prominent and the idea that Christmas was about the birth of Christ was becoming neglected, the Germans replaced him with Christ Kind—the Christ Child. This name has been modified to Kris Kringle, say The Book of Knowledge editors.

Poinsettia Puzzle Is Christmas Fun

A fun-maker at Christmas is to ask family or friends this question: "What color is the blossom of the poinsettia plants?" Chances are, the answer will be, "Red, of course."

Actually, the red "blossoms" of the poinsettia are not the flower of the plant—they are the leaves. The real blossoms are the tiny yellow flowers in the center of the red clusters.

A comparative newcomer to the traditional Yule greenery, the tropical poinsettia was discovered in Mexico in 1828, by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, first U. S. minister to Mexico. He aroused interest in its beauty, and the plant is named for him.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906.

INSPIRED BY MAGI

Gian Carlo Menotti's opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," was inspired by the story of the Three Kings of Orient.

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Lights For Tree Traced To Luther

Decorating the Christmas tree with lights is a custom that some historians trace back to Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, Encyclopedia Americana researchers say.

After a walk one Christmas Eve under a brilliant starlight sky, Luther returned home and tried to reproduce the scene for his family by lighting candles on the Christmas tree.



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Novel Ornaments Adorn Far Lands

It is customary among the Czechs and Slovaks, say the editors of The Encyclopedia Americana, to break a branch off a cherry tree at the beginning of Advent, place it in a pot of water in the kitchen and keep it in the warm

air. The twig is then supposed to burst into blossom at Christmas time and make a festive decoration.

The Christmas festival in China is Sheng Dan Jieh, the Holy Birth Festival. Paper decorations and evergreens adorn churches and homes. The Christmas tree is decorated with paper flowers, colored paper chains and cotton snowflakes.



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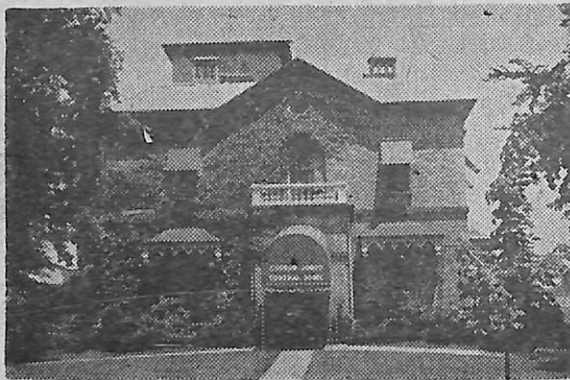
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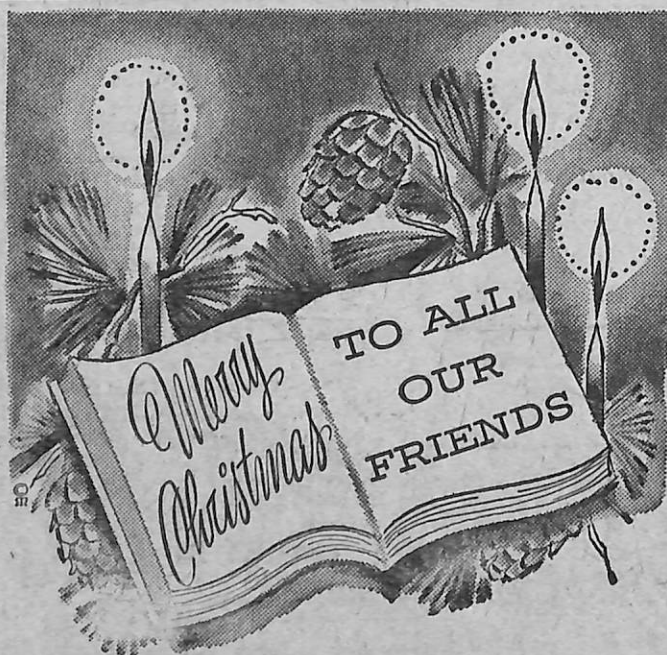
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The European St. Nicholas was pictured as a tall, thin man who rode a gray horse. In 1809, Washington Irving described Santa as a jolly fellow who wore a wide-brimmed hat.

After Dr. Moore wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas," in 1823, St. Nick acquired definite external characteristics. Ever after, children "knew in a moment it must be St. Nick" by his well-fed, merry appearance—twinkling eyes and a rosy face—and his sleight and reindeers for transportation.

The image of Santa was affirmed in 1869 when Thomas Nast's cartoon was published, picturing red garb, smoking a pipe. Like all famous men, Santa today finds it difficult to travel anywhere incognito.

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Mystery Of Magi Leads To Legends; Only St. Matthew Reports Visit

Familiar to all is the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem—and yet little is known about it. In the books of the New Testament, only St. Matthew reports the visit.

St. Matthew called them "wise men from the East." In the legends that have developed, they are sometimes called "Magi," because this word, meaning "august," was the name given the priests of the ancient Medes and Persians.

Tradition says they had heard that a bright new star would announce the coming of a Saviour to the world. After years of watching, they saw the star and set out from Babylon to find Him.

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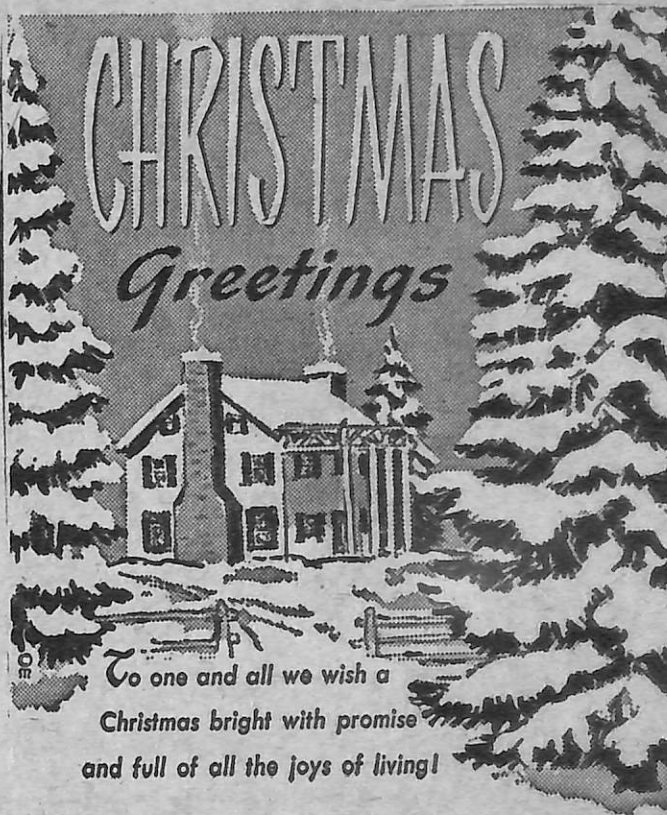


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High School Science And Math Teachers Offered Fellowships

One hundred fellowships for study at Cornell and Stanford Universities during the summer of 1962 are being offered to high school science and mathematics teachers and supervisors by Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated.

Called the Shell Merit Fellowships, the program is designed to help improve instruction in high school chemistry, physics and mathematics and at the same time to recognize meritorious teachers in these fields.

The fellowship program, now in its seventh year, has provided special study for more than 550 teachers and supervisors, 26 of whom are from New England.

The fellowships are available to high school teachers and supervisors of science and mathematics who have had five years' experience and have shown qualities of leadership.

Each fellowship provides for full tuition, fees, board and lodging in university facilities, a transportation allowance and a stipend of

\$500 to compensate partially for salary that might have been earned during the summer.

The Cornell seminar will last from June 28 to August 10, and the Stanford seminar from June 25 to August 19.

Requests for fellowship applications should be sent directly to the two universities. Teachers living east of the Mississippi River should write to Dr. Philip Johnson, School of Education, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Teachers living west of the Mississippi should write to Dr. Paul De Hurd, School of Education, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Applications should be filed as soon as possible. Completed forms must be mailed to both schools by January 4, 1962. Selections will be made by the two universities, and teachers will be notified early in February.

Teachers and supervisors receiving fellowships—50 at Cornell and 50 at Stanford—will attend graduate level seminars. They will take special courses in their own fields and learn of modern theory and practices. They will study the applications of science and mathematics in research and development and will learn of advanced techniques in the teaching of high school science and mathematics. In

"Mail Early For Christmas" 1961

"While the time to talk about 'Mail Early For Christmas' has passed," Postmaster Mary E. Brady said today, "last minute mailers can help us tremendously to avoid serious pile-ups of Christmas mail if they'll get all of their Christmas cards and gift packages on their way within the next twenty-four hours."

She suggests that you use Air

Mail for every Christmas card and gift package going to distant places.

Here's a few of the Postmaster's important reminders about Christmas mail. **Don't mail money in Christmas gifts or parcels. Use Postal Money Orders or checks. **Be sure to include full name and address, postal zone numbers, and your return address, written or printed clearly on every card and package. While Christmas cards may be sent unsealed for a 3c rate, the 4c, First Class sealed rate is best because it automatically assures forwarding if the addressee has moved and has left a new address, or the card is returned if it is undeliverable (providing you have put your return address on it). **Insure parcels and register letters of real value. **Parcels containing delicate gifts must be marked "Fragile", and food stuffs

should be marked "Perishable" if they are subject to spoilage.

Postmaster Mary E. Brady expressed her great appreciation for the fine cooperation of the public so far, and went on to say, "Now that we are coming to the end of the big rush, let's all keep up the good work so we can have every mail bag empty and every Post Office employee relaxing at home on Christmas Eve."



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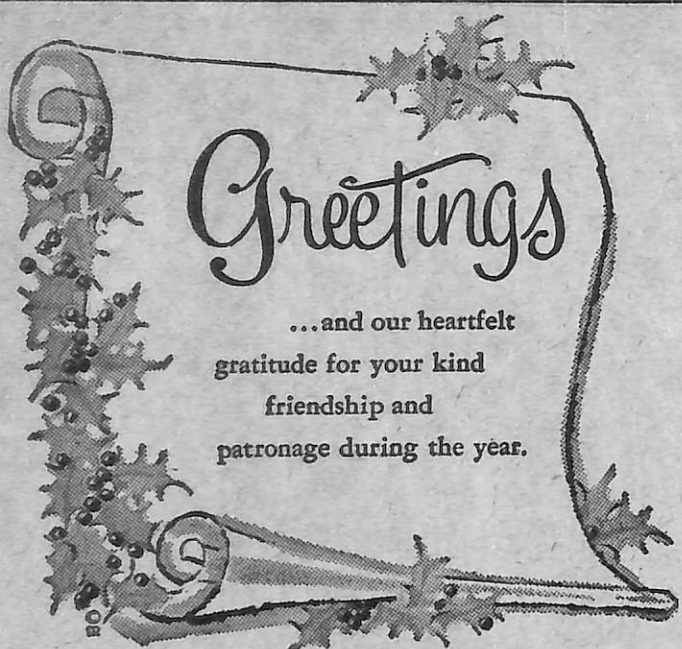
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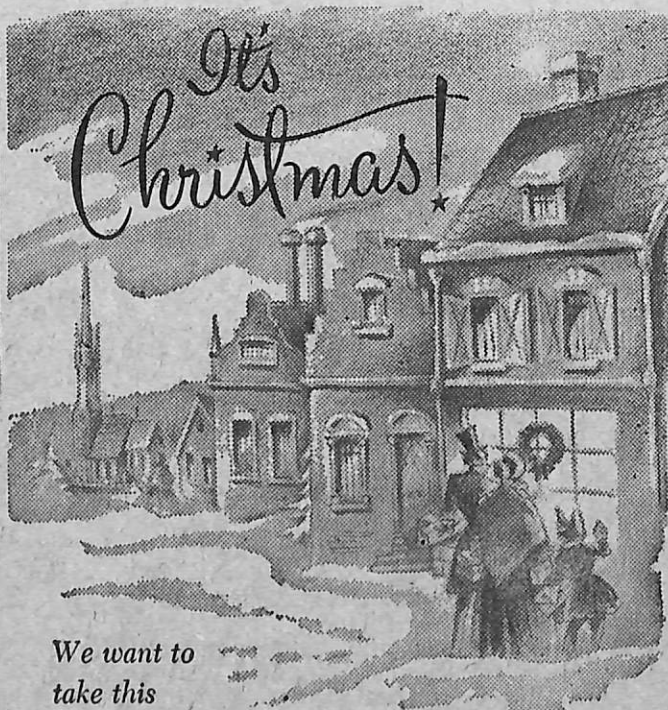


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HEALTH FOR ALL

To Know The Unknown

Forty-one years ago, four members of the executive committee of the National Tuberculosis Association put their hands in their respective pockets and brought out \$100 each. The NTA added \$100 to the pot and the sum of \$500 was turned over to Dr. William Snow Miller. Dr. Miller was studying the anatomy of the lung. He was then able to complete his lifelong study of lung anatomy and to write the book which is still the standard ref-

erence text.

That was the first grant to aid research made under NTA sponsorship. The next year, 1921, the NTA's research program had a budget of \$20,000 and made four grants. In the forty years since, the organization has appropriated about \$3,700,000 for research grants.

Scientific research is man's puny but valiant attempt to find out what makes the world of nature tick. It goes up blind alleys and gropes its way because nature is so complex as to seem perverse. Each apparent advance leads into a new maze.

For instance, TB doctors know that TB germs can be knocked out very handily by some drugs—in a test tube. Put those same germs in the body of an animal, though, dose the animal with those same drugs and what happens?

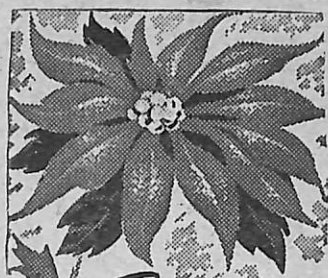
Nothing. The germs merrily go on their way, doing their damage.

Two doctors in New York are trying to solve the puzzle of those stubborn germs with the help of an NTA grant. But theirs is only one problem among thousands that must be solved if TB is ever to be finally licked.

For instance: Diseases attacking human beings produce what are called "antibodies." In most diseases, these antibodies prevent a second attack if the person becomes infected again. In TB they don't. Perverse? Sure it is.

Germs and disease always seem perverse. That's why research is so necessary.

This Column is sponsored, in the interest of better health: by: Hampden County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association, 284 State Street, Springfield, Mass.



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Among the duties of Daniel Cifor, 19-year-old messenger for the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Burbank, California, was the delivery of boxes of staples.

Few would think the chore represented a giant step toward getting ahead.

But Cifor was curious. The boxes were marked "5,000 staples" per container. He wondered if there were that many in each box.

So he counted the staples . . . counted them during his lunch hours for a full week. And he found what he was seeking—a shortage.

He found 104 less staples per box than marked—a fact later substantiated by Lockheed's material department. It was learned that the supplier had erroneously recalibrated its automatic counting devices after changing to a heavier wire in the production of staples.

Since Lockheed's California division buys approximately 50 million staples a year, the 2 per cent shortage unearthed by the messenger amounted to 1-million staples.

The supplier made up the shortage pronto.

It looks as if enterprising Daniel Cifor is going to be with Lockheed a long time. They liked his curiosity.

ON STAGE FOR YULE

Theatre in England began with Christmas plays. The first British comedy was written for a Yule celebration, and the earliest tragedy, "Gorbuduc," was performed at Christmas, 1561.

Financing Your College Education

By David Skolnick, Guidance Director to Agawam High School

The cost of obtaining a college education is high and is increasing. It is best to paint for yourself a realistic picture of just how much several years of college will cost before committing yourself to any particular college. The cost will vary from \$500 per year to \$3000 per year or more depending on the type of institution and its location. State supported schools cost the least, private schools the most. Schools on the eastern and western seaboard are usually more expensive than those inland. You should consult college catalogs and other sources of information to find out about tuition and other college costs. Costs listed in college catalogs usually include tuition, board and room, and fees. Money will also be needed for such items as books, writing materials, laundry, and entertainment. You should start early to determine what the costs will be and from what sources the money will come.

Another thing you should look into is possible financial aids. The first of these is scholarships. Generally speaking, if a student is well qualified, he may be able to obtain some type of scholarship. Most scholarships are awarded on the basis of high academic achievement, good character, and financial need. Some require that a student take the College Board Tests. Others are awarded to those taking

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Towns Named In Spirit Of Yule Get Mail Deluge

Among the busiest of Santa's helpers at the Yuletide season are postoffices in towns with Christmas name.

In Noel, Mo.; Christmas, Fla.; Santa Claus, Ind.; Bethlehem, Ind.; and Bethlehem, Pa., many thousands of packages and cards are received around Christmas time, to be postmarked with the Yule town's name and remailed to other states and countries.

The towns also play host to many visitors during the Christmas season. In Bethlehem and Nazareth, Pa., there are permanent displays and festivals of light, emphasizing the religious meaning and beauty of Christmas.

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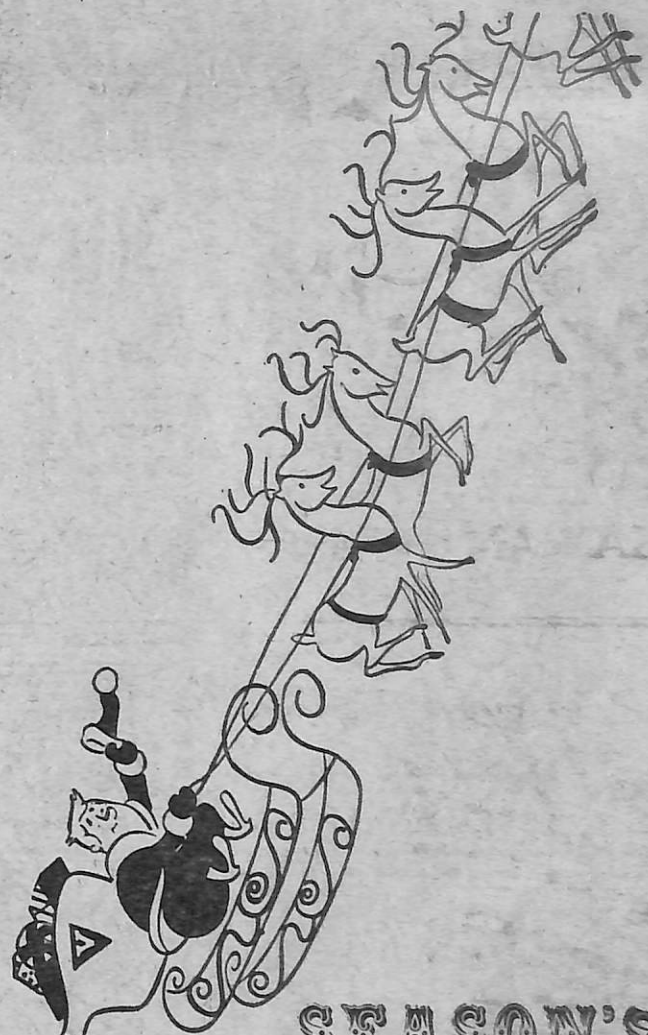


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special scholarship screening tests, such as the National Merit Schol-

arship Tests and the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. More and more, financial need is being taken into consideration in awarding scholarships, providing the student

also has academic promise and good character. Parents are usually asked to sign a certificate of need.

If you feel that a scholarship is necessary for your son or daughter to go to college, have him or her

1. Visit the high school guidance office to secure answers about scholarships.

2. Check scholarship bulletins displayed on bulletin boards or available in the Guidance Office.

3. Write to colleges for information on these scholarships, since the colleges themselves award most scholarships.

4. Check to see whether organizations to which you or your employer belong offer scholarships.

5. Review the various books or guides on scholarships available in the high school Guidance Office.

6. Take the various scholarship qualifying tests offered at the school and, if necessary, the College Board Tests.

7. Request, fill in, and return the necessary scholarship applications.

The second source of financial aid is loans. Many colleges have money which they will lend to students, particularly since funds from the National Defense Educational Act have become available. Students should apply for these loans from the college they wish to attend. Federal funds may be loaned to students on the basis of need in amounts up to \$1000 per year, or a total of \$5000. Repayment must begin one year after leaving school with a maximum of 10 years allowed for completing payments. Interest will be charged at 3% per year, beginning one year after the student leaves school. Students who receive such loans and who become teachers are excused from repaying one tenth of their total amount each year that they teach in a public school, up to a total of five years. Students planning on going into the fields of science, mathematics, or education will be given preference in receiving the use of these funds. A student must demonstrate both financial and good college aptitude in order to receive a loan.

Colleges also have additional loan funds, and other loans may be available through local banks, so it is important to investigate these possibilities, too.

Of course, not every boy or girl with college aptitude can qualify for a scholarship. In that case, there are some other alternatives your boy or girl can look into.

1. Get a summer job.
2. Secure part-time employment while attending college, on or off campus.
3. Borrow from the college the

student plans to attend. This usually requires attendance for half a year, plus satisfactory academic achievement.

4. With your assistance the student may obtain a loan from a bank, insurance company, fraternal or other organization.



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Health And Physical Education Courses At Spfld. College

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Continuing Education at Springfield College will offer courses in health and physical education during the winter term (January 2 - March 16) in the late afternoon and evening.

Sherrod Shaw of the physical education department will instruct "Problems of Disability in the Adapted Physical Education Program" on Thursday from 7-9:30 p. m. This is an advanced course in certain types of medical problems seen by the physical educator in adapted physical education. The etiology, rehabilitation techniques, indications and contra-indications of physical activity will be discussed by personnel having medical and clinical training.

Dr. Harold Childs, Associate Professor of Health Education, will instruct "The Role of the Elementary School Teacher in the School Health Program." Offered on Tuesday from 4:15-6:45 p. m., the course will cover the facilitation of health teaching through intergration, correlation, incidental and direct health teaching. Desirable content for health units and administrative considerations are also discussed. Courses will also be offered in

the departments of Community and International Services, Guidance and Personnel Services, Teacher Education, and General Studies in the Arts and Sciences.

For further information, contact Dr. Robert Randolph, Director of the Division of Continuing Education, Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., REpublic 2-5121.

Pinata Scramble

In Mexico and other Latin American countries, the breaking of the pinata is a traditional Christmas custom. Earthen jars are filled with toys and sweets, covered with colored papier-mache figures and hung in an open space.

Blindfolded children take turns at trying to break the pinata with a stick. When it is smashed, there's a merry scramble for its contents.

FEASTS PLAY

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breakfast of hot chocolate, sweets and egg cakes.

The Finns serve a Christmas dessert made of rice, according to the editors of The Book of Knowledge. The rice is boiled in milk and served with cream topped with sugar and cinnamon. An almond is put into the large dish of rice and the diner who is lucky enough to get this almond will, legend says, be especially favored in the coming year.

Hawaiian Feasting

Lavish feasts accompany Christmas in Hawaii. Menu for a traditional dinner in a Polynesian family might be: roast pig, prepared in an imu, a covered rock oven; gray-brown poi; raw salmon, with

vinegar and herbs; island spinach cooked in coconut milk; and pickled pineapple. Dessert might be passion-fruit pie — tangy-tart, yet sweet, topped with macadamia-nut ice cream.

In Sweden as family, guests and household servants assemble, each person sticks a piece of bread on a fork and dips it into a kettle of pork and sausage drippings. According to tradition, this bread is eaten for luck before the feast begins.

Young Japanese Head Hoteiosho

Although Santa Claus doesn't visit Japanese homes, the native god Hoteiosho, the kind old gentleman who carries a pack on his back and has eyes in the back of his head, makes a realistic substitute gifts bearer. Boys and girls are warned to be good, because the all-seeing Hoteiosho knows everything they are doing.



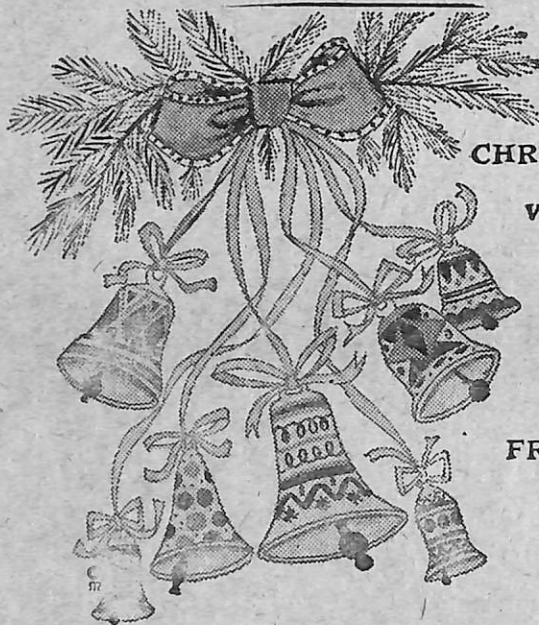
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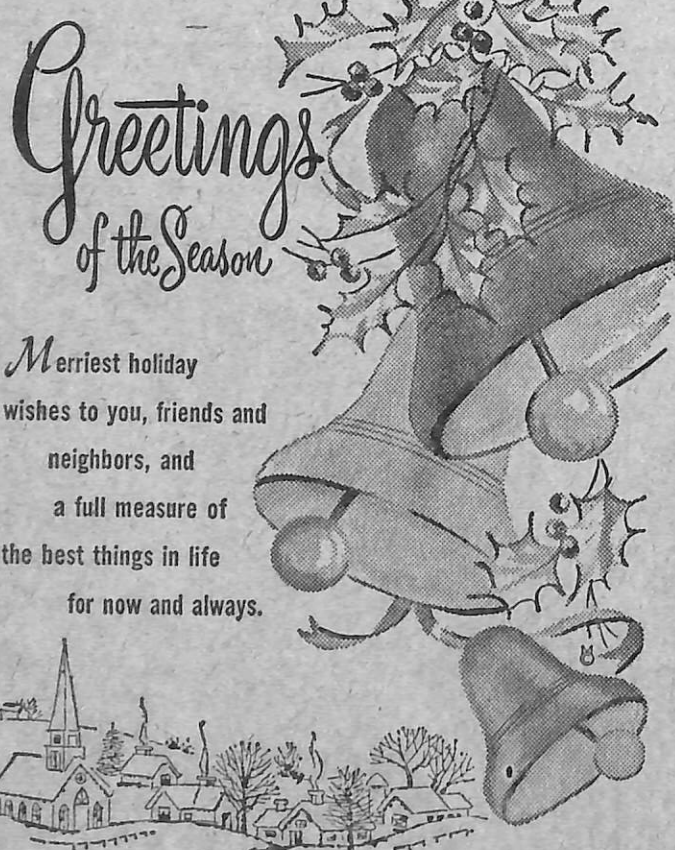
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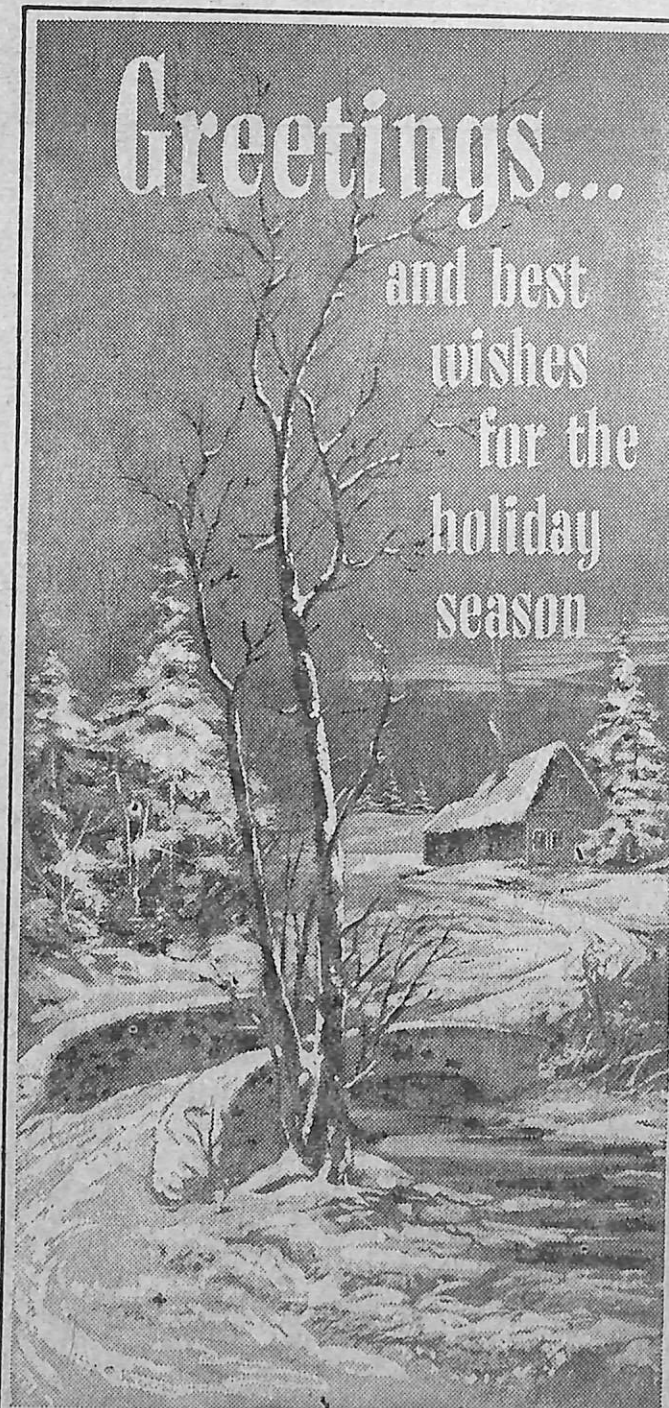


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YOUR HEART AND WINTER WISDOM

Chances are that, like most Americans, you're proud of your car. Take good care of it, too.

When winter comes, you have the motor winterized, get the snow tires put on, and, in general, make sure that it's in good operating condition for maximum safety on winter roads. You'd do well to apply the same sort of "winter wisdom" to yourself, the Western Chapter of the Massachusetts Heart Association suggests.

Unless you've had a health and heart check-up recently, your car may be in better operating condition than you are. Winter can be your Waterloo and needs to be approached with common sense. Don't, for example, try to push your stalled car out of a snowbank single handed. And don't tackle the job of snow-shoveling with the vigor of a teen-ager, unless you

are a teenager, and a healthy one at that.

These exertions may not do you any harm, but, according to the Massachusetts Heart Association, if you are middle-aged, it's better not to attempt them unless you've been given a clean bill of health recently by your physician.

The unaccustomed exertion of shoveling snow or pushing stalled cars out of the snow bank can work havoc with flabby muscles. More serious, the exertion combined with the extra demands for energy placed on your heart by cold weather can strain the heart beyond its normal reserve capacity.

Snow looks innocent enough. But a physiologist calculated the energy cost of shoveling snow with the usual 5 lb. shovel and his calculations are literally breath-taking.

Each shovel-full of fluffy snow weighs about four pounds. Shoveling ten loads per minute is equivalent to walking up three flights of stairs in the same period of time. Wet snow, which is even heavier, would make the job equivalent to climbing to the seventh floor in one minute. No doubt about it, snow-shovelling is strenuous. There are other winter hazards too.

For some men, portly to the side of obesity, just getting into and out of bulky wraps can be strenuous. Ever see a fat man, bundled in muffler and overcoat, puffing as he bent down to take off his galoshes? It should strengthen your resolution to lose any excess weight you may be carrying.

Walking through knee-deep snow can make the strongest of us breathless. But for overweight people, it is even more of a strain.

You can best prepare yourself for a safe winter by, first of all, going to your doctor for a check-up. After that, the Massachusetts Heart Association offers these points to think about before you pick up a snow shovel.

● Remember that snow-shoveling is strenuous exercise.

● If you have heart disease, don't shovel snow without your doctor's approval.

● If you are young and healthy, shoveling may be a good work-out for you.

● If you are over 40 and healthy

VWWI Card Party Winners

The Walter S. Kerr Barracks 396 and their Auxiliary held their regular weekly card party last Wednesday and are happy to announce the following winners:

Door prizes: Edith Burton, Addie Winn, Albert Tryon and Emma Piszenga.

Mystery prizes: Etta Stetson, Wm. Webb and Wm. Decker.

Aces for the ladies: Bernadette Breau; for the men: Ray Willard.

High score for the ladies: 1st, Eleanor Barnes; 2nd, Katherine Cleary, and 3rd, Bernadette Breau. For the men: 1st, D. F. Webb; 2nd, Walter Haggerty, and 3rd, W. J. Breau.

There will be a card party every Wednesday evening, sponsored by the Walter S. Kerr Barracks and their Auxiliary at the new National Guard Armory on Maynard Street in Agawam. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy themselves. Refreshments are always served.

James Cleary, Commander of the Barracks and Mrs. Evelyn La Voice, President of the Auxiliary, wish to take this opportunity to extend to all those nice people who have been with us this past year at our card parties A VERY SPECIAL MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

shovel but take it easy.

● It's better to shovel before eating or wait an hour after eating, as you should for most vigorous exercise.

● Never shovel to the point of exhaustion. The invigorating cold air may make you feel 20 years younger, but you're not.

● When you shovel, lift with your entire body, letting your back and legs share the hard work with your arms.

● Probably the best piece of advice: hand the snow shovel to an ambitious youngster and go to the nearest ice-skating pond for your exercise.

The giant, 78-year-old Brooklyn Bridge spanning the East River in New York rests on submerged pilings of timber.

Named Delegates For Council



Two Girl Scouts from the Troop of St. David's Episcopal Church have been named delegates to represent Pioneer Valley Council at the third Senior Roundup at But-ton Bay State Park in Ferrisburg, Vt., July 20-29. There will be approximately 10,000 Girl Scouts and adult staff members in attendance from America and throughout the world.

Shown in the picture above is, left, Priscilla Colburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Colburn, Belvidere Street, Feeding Hills, alternate delegate, and Judy Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Williams, Kensington Street, Feeding Hills, delegate.

The girls were selected from among 150 Girl Scouts of Pioneer Valley Council. Twenty-four were selected from the Pioneer Valley area. Qualifying tests took place last April, with a second in September, the final in November, on an elimination basis.

Miss Williams, in addition to a wide range of troop activities, has served as a volunteer Green Aide at Wesson Memorial Hospital and worked as a junior councilor at the YMCA Day Camp. She at one time was a member of Mariner Ship 136

and held various offices in that Girl Scout Explorer unit.

She has served as a program aide, was a member of the senior planning board for three years, and was a Spotlight on Youth reporter for the Sunday Republican for one year. She holds the coveted Curved Bar Honor.

Miss Colburn began Scouting in 1955. She attended Camp Magawa and Camp Bonnie Brae.



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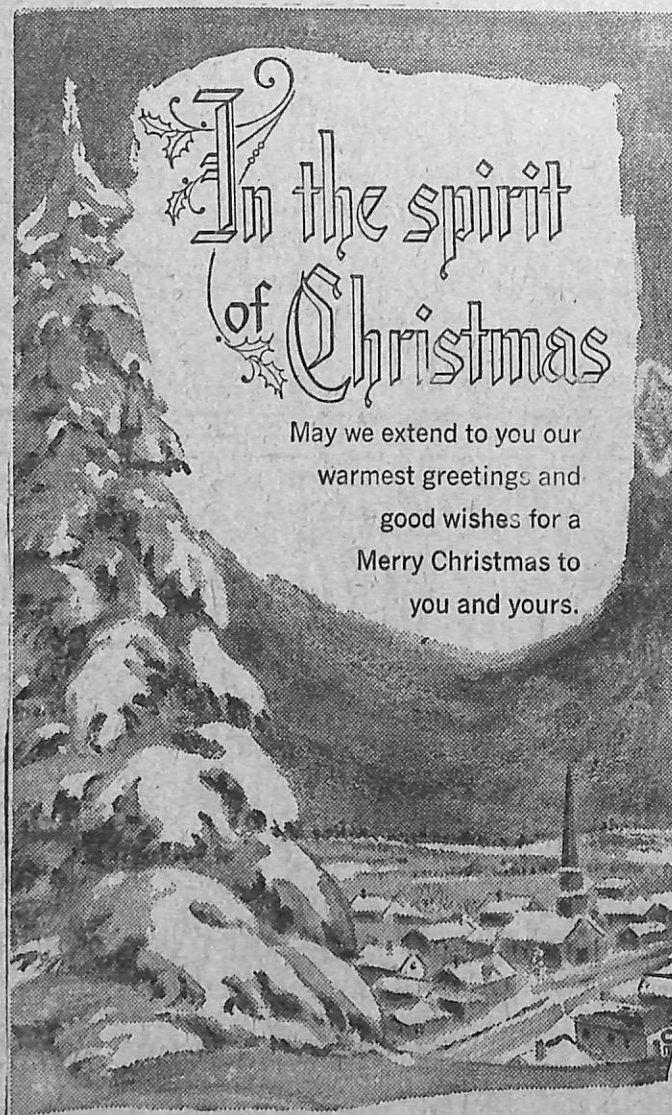
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'61 Report Of World

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ents of such deceased Veterans, and the problems of such veterans, their widows and dependents.

In the year of 1961, the Walter S. Kerr Barracks has been very active. The members of the Barracks and Auxiliary visited the Holyoke Soldiers Home and Hospital about twenty times putting on a show or Beano games for the patients, giv-

ing to them a little pleasure to lighten their burden. We have worked with Mrs. Larson on community services for needy families and other services in Agawam.

As it takes money to carry on in all that we do, we have to raise it thru our other activities which are CARD PARTIES, TURKEY SHOOTS and HAM AND BEAN SUPPERS.

In June of 1961, a member of this Barracks, the founder and first Commander George LaVoice was elected to the office of State Commander in the Department of Mass. Also, Raymond Phoenix, a past Commander of this Barracks, was appointed to the Office of Department Chief of Staff, and James Cleary, the present Commander of the Barracks is the Dept. Sgt.-At-Arms. This is indeed an outstanding record and the members of the Barracks can be very proud of this VETERANS GROUP.

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Paul J. Adams, assistant treasurer of Valley Bank & Trust Co., receives a pin from William A. Lieson, left, executive vice-president, in recognition of Adams' 40 years of service with bank. Lieson made the presentation for Bruce H. MacLeod, bank president, who was unable to be present.

Mr. Adams, who lives at 27 Harding Street, Agawam, joined the Springfield National Bank as a bookkeeper in 1921. He has served in all departments of the bank. He was named assistant cashier in January 1946 and when the Springfield National merged with Union Trust Co., to form the Valley Bank in January 1958, he was named assistant cashier.

He has been active in civic and governmental affairs in Agawam,

serving as a member of the School Committee for 21 years, seven as chairman, and is a member of the Board of Appeals. He was chairman of the Agawam High and Danahy Schools building committees, chairman of the Personnel Board for six years, and former chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

He is married to the former Jemima Graham of Chicopee. The couple has two children and three grandchildren.



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TODAY ON BEACON HILL

(Special to the Agawam Independent)

LIQUOR FEES—The Boston Licensing Board has introduced proposals which would require hotels to pay \$5000 for a liquor license and jump the cost of a tavern license from \$750 to \$1000.

RACING—A new proposal to restrict racing at fair grounds has been introduced by Rep. Matthew J. Kuss (D) of Fall River who would grant only one public hearing a year on any request for racing at a fair and then only if the fair had operated five consecutive seasons prior to applying for a racing franchise.

PROBATE COURTS—In the ex-

pectation of supervising the work load of the various Probate Courts of the state, Thomas F. Linnehan of Springfield has proposed a \$25,000 a year chief justice of the Probate Courts be named by the Governor. He would also boost the pay of all Probate judges to \$25,000 excepting those in Dukes and Nantucket counties.

UTILITIES—Gas and electric companies would be required to give notice of an intent to shut off service to customers delinquent in their payments under terms of a bill filed by Reps. Raymond E. Carey and Joseph DelGrosso of

Revere, both Democrats.

TROUT—Luke F. Ryan of Northampton has sponsored legislation which would provide for an open season on trout fishing from April 19 to the third Friday in October.

EDUCATIONS—A plea to forbid a husband or wife of an elected school committee member from serving as an instructor in the same school system has been introduced by Rep. Warren A. Turner (R) of Lee. . . The bill backed by the Becket School Committee also prohibits a school board member's spouse from serving as a superintendent of schools as well.

BANKS—A fine ranging from \$500 to \$5000 could be imposed on any persons guilty of circulating derogatory remarks about a financial institution under a bill filed by Rep. Norman Weinberg (D) of Boston and the individual would also be liable for civil action for damages caused a bank.

BLUE LAWS—Stanley Blinstrub, operator of a Boston restaurant, has proposed modification of the Blue Laws to permit public entertainment by dancers, singers and other public performers in public

DANGEROUS DECEMBER -- PROPER VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

From now until Christmas most persons become an active part of the hustle, bustle and excitement associated with the holiday. Unfortunately, this spirit and elation can be dangerous to motorists and pedestrians who relax their safety thinking even momentarily, warns Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Clement A. Riley.

"It is sheer tragedy when the joyous sounds of Christmas music and tinkling bells give way to shrieking police and ambulance sirens because of the carelessness of a motor vehicle driver or a pedestrian," said the Registrar.

"December is our most dangerous traffic month. Last year sixty-one (61) persons were killed and more than ten thousand (10,000) others seriously injured in accidents caused principally by inadequate traction, reduced visibility, and sudden temperature changes.

"Each driver and pedestrian must consider the possibility of these sudden and abrupt differences in traffic and highway conditions," cautioned Mr. Riley.

"Preparedness is the best insurance against accidents and as Registrar, I urge every driver to keep vehicle lights, windshield wipers, and defroster in effective working order. This will help to see other vehicles and also to be seen.

"Since tire chains may be needed in heavy snow and icy surfaces, or in hilly areas to assure traction and prevent traffic blockades and skidding accidents, they should be readily available to cope with these conditions."

SAL Members Hold Christmas Party

The Sons of the American Legion Post #185 held their annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 17, at the Post Home on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, for members, their children and the Junior Auxiliary.

Sunday night the SAL members held a Christmas party for veterans at the Leeds Hospital and gifts were distributed to all.

The Christmas party for the American Legion Post #185 and Auxiliary was held Monday night at the Post Home with members exchanging gifts.

rooms on Sunday. . . Now entertainment is permitted only in private parties.



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CHURCH NEWS

Baptist Church

Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart, Pastor
Rev. Dorothy Pease, Minister of Education

Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director

Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

Thursday—6:30 p.m., the Choral Choir will rehearse at church; 7:30 p.m., the Senior Choir will rehearse at church.

Sunday—9 and 11:10 a.m., two Morning Worship Services. Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart will preach at both services. At the first service the Celestial and Choral Choirs will sing and the Junior Bell Choir will ring. At the second service the Senior Choir will sing and the ABC Bell Ringers will ring. 9:30 and 10 a.m., Church School for all; 5:30 p.m., the Junior BYF will meet at church; 6 p.m., the Senior BYF will meet at church; 11 p.m., the Annual Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service will be held in the Sanctuary. The Celestial and Senior Choirs will sing.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., the Trading Post will be open; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., a Family Swim Night will be held at Trinity Pool at Trinity Church in Springfield.

Congregational Church

Rev. Herbert F. Loomis, Interim Minister

Mrs. Andrew G. Toussaint, Minister of Music

Thursday—8 p.m., Ladies Aid, Christmas Music by the Bellingers.

Friday—7:30 p.m., Adult Choir Rehearsal; 8 p.m., Marriweds Square Dance at Parish House.

Saturday—8:45 a.m., Intermediate Choir Rehearsal; 9:45 a.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal; 1 p.m., Inter-Church League Basketball at West Springfield "Y", Junior Pilgrim Fellowship vs. Good Shepherd-Episcopal; 1:45 p.m., Sr. P. F. vs. St. David's Episcopal.

Sunday—9 a.m., Church School Nursery-Grade 6; 10 a.m., Church School Grades 7-12; 11 a.m., Church School Nursery-Grade 6; 9 and 11 a.m., the Church at Morning Worship. Sermon by Rev. R. F. Hardina, Associate Minister First Con-

gregational Church, Belmont, Mass. 8 p.m., Christmas Eve Communion Service conducted by the Senior Pilgrim Fellowship. Christmas Carols.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m., Senior High Choir Rehearsal.

Thursday—7 p.m., Church Council; 7:30 p.m., Church Meeting on the budget.

Wednesday—8 p.m., Merriweds Meeting.

St. David's Church

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday—9 a.m., Holy Communion, Feast of St. Thomas; 10 a.m., Meeting of the Altar Guild; 7 p.m., Boy Scouts Troop #79 meet in parish hall.

Friday—7 p.m., Cub Pack scout meeting in parish hall.

Saturday—2 p.m., Pageant practice at church; 3:30 p.m., Altar Guild meets at church.

Sunday—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Morning Prayer and sermon; 11:30 p.m., Choral Eucharist—Christmas midnight Communion Service.

Christmas Day — 9 a.m., Holy Communion.

Tuesday—9 a.m., Holy Communion—Feast of St. Stephen; 7 p.m., Acolytes meeting at church.

Wednesday—9 a.m., Holy Communion—St. John the Evangelist.

Thursday—9 a.m., Holy Communion—Feast of the Holy Innocents; 7 p.m., Christmas pageant and party for church youth.

Feeding Hills Congregational Church

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Pastor

Friday—8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Senior Pilgrim Fellowship Christmas Party.

Sunday—11 a.m., Morning Service for All. No Sunday School classes. Sermon by Rev. Dunn.

Christmas Services

Sunday—7 to 9 p.m., Caroling by the Senior and Junior Pilgrim Fellowship throughout the community. Adults welcome to join... refreshments will be served at church. 11:30 p.m., Annual Christmas Candlelight Service. Come and bring your family and friends. Start Christmas right.

Round The Town



By ANN NAEL

Mrs. Fred Marieb of Mooreland Street, Feeding Hills, left Sunday on the Southerner for a three months visit with her father and two sisters in Crowley, La.

Raymond Lucia, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lucia of Silver Street, is now stationed in Phalsbourg, France, with the 102d Tactical Fighter Squadron. Mr. Lucia, Sr., is the owner of Lucia Lumber Company in Agawam.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bouley of Letendre Ave., Feeding Hills, announce the birth of a second son, Alan Ernest, at Wesson Maternity Hospital. The new arrival has a brother, Francis E., and two sisters, Lynn Ann and Cynthia Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Major of Main Street, with their two daughters, Dorothea and Elizabeth, will be Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Major's brother-in-law and sister,

Lay Memorial Methodist Church

Rev. Francis J. Ducharme, Pastor
Friday—3 p.m., Junior choir rehearse at church; 6:15 p.m., bowling teams at West Side Alleys.

Sunday—11 a.m., Service and Reception of New Members; 6:30 p.m., Caroling; 11 p.m., Candlelight Eve Service for all.

Wednesday—7 p.m., Senior Choir rehearse at church.

Bible Baptist Church

Upper Church and Second Streets West Springfield, Massachusetts.
Rev. Charles P. Benedict, Pastor
Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m. Bible School with classes for all ages. 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 7:00 p.m., Evening Service.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m., Mid-week service for prayer and Bible Study.

Bible Baptist Church is in sympathy with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and with the American and International Councils of Christian Churches.

Bible Baptist Church is a Bible-entered, gospel preaching church which endeavors to preach the "whole counsel of God."

Mr. and Mrs. William McMullin of Southwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Soja of Main Street announce the birth of a daughter, Theresa, on Tuesday, December 12, in the Wesson Maternity Hospital.

Mrs. Wildor Theroux of South Street is convalescing at home after undergoing surgery at the Springfield Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Miller of Main Street will entertain over the Christmas holidays, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Petty and grandson, Michael, of Watermill, Long Island.

Miss Nonie Hayes of Silver Street has returned home from the Mercy Hospital where she was under treatment for a broken ankle.

Employees of the S. S. Krege Co., in Springfield, will receive a Christmas bonus again this year it was announced by Mr. Chester Miller, Manager.

Word To The Wise



YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN

It's wise to get into your noodle. The methods men rise by, so pick A shining success as your model. And analyze what makes him click; Such study will help, more or less, in Achieving a Background, let's say, But you'll have to get your success in Your Private and Personal way!

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Welcome Tiny Newcomers



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Dec. 1—To Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Bouley, 19 Letendre Ave., Agawam.

Dec. 2—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Santinello, 508 Cooper St., Agawam.

GIRLS

Dec. 3—To Mr. and Mrs. Bradford W. Fuller, 223 Springfield St., Agawam.

Dec. 6—To Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Pomeroy, Jr., 96 Hall St., Feeding Hills.

Dec. 12—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Soja of 184 Main Street, Agawam.

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The Old Timer



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Children's Corner

BALLOON POST

(An Old Scot Tale)

One day Kind Heart the Elf was strolling through Golden Glen when he saw Fairy Heartsease hurrying towards him.

"Have you seen Swiftwing, the fairy messenger?" she asked anxiously. "I want him to deliver this message to Fairy Cowslip in Silver Glade. It's to ask her to come to tea tomorrow."

"Swiftwing left ages ago," replied Kind Heart. "I saw him myself."

"Now what shall I do?" Fairy Heartsease looked upset. "It's my birthday tomorrow so I thought I'd

ask Cowslip and some of my friends in the glen to tea. If she hears about the party later, she'll think I didn't want her."

At that moment the balloon man appeared through the trees. All the young fairy folk were very pleased to see him and ran to buy one of



his brightly-colored balloons.

Heartsease and Kind Heart watched as the young people let their balloons fly high in the air.

Suddenly one of the balloons was caught in a strong gust of wind and the string was tugged right out of the owner's hand. The balloon sailed high into the sky.

"I've got an idea!" cried Kind Heart.

He bought a bright red balloon from the balloon man. Taking the letter for Fairy Cowslip, he tied it firmly to the string of the balloon. Then, just as a strong puff of wind came along, he let go. The balloon rose high in the air and blew off in the direction of Silver Glade.

"Don't worry, Heartsease," said Kind Heart. "Cowslip will get your message."

"I hope so," replied Heartsease. "Now I must get back to my cottage for I have a lot to do for my party. Of course you are coming too, Kind Heart. I've already asked lots of my friends. If you see Swiftwing when he returns, will you please ask him to come too?"

"Yes, I will," Kind Heart promised.

That evening as Heartsease was putting the finishing touches to her party preparations, there was a knock at the door. It was Swiftwing.

"Thank you for the invitation to your party," he said. "Fairy Cowslip asked me to tell you she will be coming too. She got your message, for the balloon came down into Fairy Bluebell's garden next door."

"She thinks your balloon post was a clever idea. So do I, for if more people used it there would be less work for me!"

"And the sky would be full of balloons," Heartsease said, laughing. "No, Swiftwing, I think it's much better for you to deliver the messages, although this time the balloon post was a success!"

Laughing happily, she wished Swiftwing a cheery "Good-night," and went indoors to go to bed and dream about her party.

Police Chief Honored At Retirement



More than 500 townspeople, friends, state, local enforcement officials, political figures honored Police Chief Roland C. Reed at a banquet held in the National Guard Armory last Thursday night upon his retirement from the force.

Chief Reed was presented a purse, a hunting rifle and other gifts as a token of the esteem of his fellow townsmen and friends in the area.

Shown above as he was present-

ed a gift, left to right, Fred Emerson, master of ceremonies and former selectman; Mr. and Mrs. Reed and Officer John Chriscola, program chairman.

Governor Volpe sent the chief and Mrs. Reed a silver Paul Revere bowl, the presentation being made by Selectman Vincent R. Caroleo, administrative assistant to the governor.

Remains Active

The retiring official will remain

active in many veterans' organizations, traffic safety promotion and Conservation Commission Association.

He is taking over as president of one of the largest and most progressive sportsmen's club in this area, the Agawam Sportsman's Club, will continue his activities in the Mawaga Sporting Club and several other organizations interested in outdoor recreation, and sports.

Furniture Refinishing-



by
**BOB
WILKIN**

Here are a few tips you may find helpful in your furniture refinishing ventures.

Did you know — that those pesky white spots which appear on furniture surfaces can be polished away? A steel-wool pad of the finest grade dampened with linseed oil, a furniture polish, or a good paste wax will do the job on dull finishes.

For medium surfaces which are neither dull nor glossy try rubbing with your household scouring powder dampened to a pastelike texture with water.

If the whitened surface is a high gloss, dampen your steel wool pad with the pre-wax cleaner you use on your automobile.

Did you know — that white shellac is hard to work with and therefore, for most jobs it should be mixed with orange shellac? When you've once opened a can of any shellac, pour the unused portion into a glass jar for storage. Shellac will darken when kept in a once-opened can.

Did you know — that by brushing over two or three coatings of shellac with a coat of clear varnish you can have a finish that has all the wearing quality and beauty of shellac plus the protection of varnish against alcohol stains, humidity and the like.

Did you know — that warped table leaves can be straightened? First, with a good semi-paste remover, strip the finish off the leaves. Dampen a small portion of your lawn. Lay the leaves on the ground, concave side up near the dampened area and pour hot water on them.

Then flip them over so that the wet, concave sides are face down on the dampened earth and the sun can get at the dry, convex (thumped) sides. A good hefty rock placed atop the hump should speed things up a bit. Depending upon the degree of the warp, the straightening process will take from a few hours to a few days.

Did you know — that tired old finish can be snapped up by a good scrubbing with soap and water followed with several applications of a mixture of equal parts of turpentine and linseed oil. After the final application has been allowed to soak for an hour or so, wipe the surface dry. Then go to work with a good canuba wax.

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LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Virginia Catchepaugh

Christmas . . . '61

The Christmas Season brings its message of Peace and Goodwill to a world in arms and torn apart by deep-seated animosities. We of the American Legion Auxiliary can hope that somehow, above the threats of war, the blast of atomic bombs and the roar of long range rockets, the Christmas message will be heard and heeded by mankind. We will again do all we can to make the spirit of Christmas a living force throughout our land.

Christmas gift shops in the hospitals will bring the joy of Christmas giving to scores of thousands of hospitalized war veterans who otherwise might be unable to share in the season's happiness. Individual gifts to these men and women will give assurance that they are remembered and their sacrifices for America appreciated. And in our communities, families of veterans in unfortunate circum-

stances will have our attention and aid.

Let us this year endeavor to make it a big Christmas, a bright Christmas that will shine through the dark threats even in those lands where God is denied and Christmas outlawed. Our hope and courage must be high on this day of Peace . . . Mrs. J. Howard McKay, in the December National News.



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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by HENRY J. MASKOWSKI and FRANCES M. MASKOWSKI to SPRINGFIELD INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS, dated June 18, 1956 and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2476, Page 577, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the twelfth day of January, 1962, on the premises below described all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows, to wit:

Certain real estate situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot #31 (thirty-one) as shown on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 45, Page 42, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Southwesterly by Deering Street, one hundred fifty and 8/100 (150.08) feet; Northwesterly by Lot #32 (thirty-two) as shown on said plan, one hundred thirty (130) feet; Northeasterly by Lot #30 (thirty) as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty-five and 92/100 (125.92) feet; and Southeasterly by Autumn Street, one hundred thirty-two and 23/100 (132.23) feet.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Better Homes Construction Company, Inc., dated June 18, 1956, to be recorded in said Registry of Deeds herewith.

Subject to rights granted Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company as set forth in instrument dated November 4, 1954, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Book 2348, Page 35.

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Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades, awnings, and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the granted premises which renders such articles usable in connection therewith so far as the same are or can be by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty.

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, if any.

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money, the balance to be paid in cash on delivery of the deed, and the deed to be taken within ten (10) days of the final decree of the Land Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts approving the sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

SPRINGFIELD INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS

By Alfred E. Rowley, Treasurer
Present holder of said mortgage
Doherty and Murphy, Attorneys
December 15, 1961
(Dec. 21, 28, 1961, Jan. 4, 1962)

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Merit Homes, Inc. to Raymond F. Lucia and Grace E. Lucia dated June 14, 1960 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2760, Page 339 of which mortgage the undersigned are the present holders for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the premises herein described at ten thirty o'clock a. m. on the sixteenth day of January A.D., 1962 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit: "Certain real estate situate in Agawam, County of Hampden, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot 29 as shown on a plan of lots recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden in Book of Plans 48, pages 44 and 45, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Northerly by Parkview Drive, one hundred

and 71/100 (100.71) feet; Easterly by Lot 28 as shown on said plan, one hundred fifty (150.) feet; Southerly by land of owner unknown, ninety-two and 35/100 (92.35) feet; Westerly by Lot 30 as shown on said plan, one hundred fifty (150) feet;

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal, or other public taxes, assessments, or liens, if any.

Terms of Sale: Five hundred (\$500) dollars in cash or by certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale and the balance of the purchase price must be paid in full within fourteen (14) days at the office of Thomas A. Buckley, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

RAYMOND F. LUCIA
GRACE E. LUCIA

present holders of said mortgage
(Dec. 21-28, 1961, Jan. 4, 1962)

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Merit Homes, Inc. to Raymond F. Lucia and Grace E. Lucia dated August 4, 1960, and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2760, Page 340, of which mortgage the undersigned are the present holders for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be held at Public Auction on the premises herein described at ten o'clock a.m. on the sixteenth day of January A.D., 1962 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit: "Certain real estate situate in Agawam in the County of Hampden Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot 23 as shown on a plan of lots recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden in Book of Plans 48, pages 44 and 45, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Parkview Drive one hundred and 81/100 (100.81) feet; EASTERLY by Lot 26 and 27 as shown on said plan, one hundred fifty (150) feet; SOUTHERLY by land of owner unknown, one hundred and 81/100 (100.81) feet; WESTERLY by Lot 29 as shown on said plan, one hundred fifty (150) feet."

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal, or other public taxes, assessments, or liens, if any.

Terms of Sale: Five hundred (\$500) dollars in cash or by certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale and the balance



College News

Home for the Christmas holidays from Bay Path Junior College in Longmeadow, Mass., are the following students:

Miss Linnea Marie Mabb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Mabb of Monroe Street, a member of the junior class.

Miss Judy Newell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Newell of 65 Federal Ave., member of the senior class.

Miss Maryalice Dean, member of the purchase price must be paid in full within fourteen (14) days at the office of Thomas A. Buckley, Springfield, Massachusetts.

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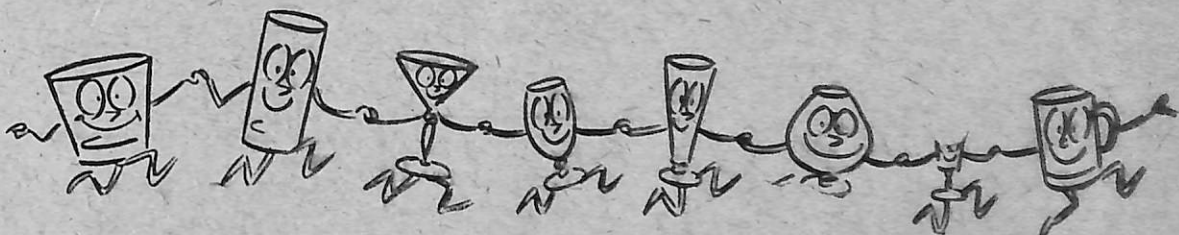
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